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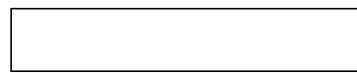
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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building Central Intelligence Agency, on 21 February 1952

> Deputy Director (Intelligence) Central Intelligence Agency Mr. Loftus E. Becker Presiding

*Director of Central Intelligence Agency General Walter Bedell Smith



MEMBERS PRESENT

*Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence Department of State

Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army

Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy

Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force

Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy Commission

Brigadier General Richard C. Partridge, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff

Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. W. P. Bundy, Central Intelligence Agency

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Central Intelligence Agency Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State

Mr. Howard E. Furnas, Department of State

Mr. Joseph A. Yeager, Department of State

Brigdier General John Weckerling, Department of the Army

Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army

Mr. John F. Kullgren, Department of the Army

Capatin K. C. Hurd, Department of the Navy

Lieutenant Commander J. A. Meyertholen, Department of the Navy

Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force

Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force

Colonel J. F. Pinkney, Department of the Air Force

Colonel H. L. Kreider, The Joint Staff

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Approval of Minutes

2. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 14 February 1952, (IAC-M-60) were approved subject to the revision of paragraph 3, 2nd sentence, to read as follows:

"He referred to the recent increase of 80,000 Russian troops in East Germany bringing the total to 384,000, and the reported tentative plans to expand each of the 24 East German Alert Units from 1,800 to 4,000 - 5,000, which would increase the total strength of the force from 52,000 to approximately 120,000."

Travel Restrictions on the Russian Officials

3. Mr. Armstrong reported that the delivery of the note to the Russians, imposing travel restrictions, had been delayed until the 28th of February with release to the Press on the 29th. This postponement came about at the request of our deputy on the NATO Standing Committee inasmuch as he attached considerable value to comparable and as nearly as possible concurrent action on the part of the other NATO countries.

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Coordination of Intelligence in Panama

- 4. Action: It was agreed to consider at the next meeting possible action to strengthen coordination of intelligence in Panama. It was understood that General Bolling would get in touch with General Morris in Panama for a report on the current practices of the services in respect of intelligence coordination. It was the tentative consensus that while coordination is certainly desirable it probably need not be accomplished through a formal mechanism. Consideration will be given to whether each agency might profitably issue an appropriate instruction to his representative in Panama which would establish a common basis for improving coordination.
- 5. Discussion: Mr. Armstrong called the attention of the IAC to the need for improving coordination of intelligence in Panama in view of the

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rather unique situation in which U. S. intelligence agencies have responsibilities both within the Zone and within the Republic. Ambassador Wiley, he said, is in the Department on consultation and has indicated that he felt a need for some mechanism for improving coordination. Mr. Armstrong noted that no joint Weeka was prepared at this post as it was at some others. Colonel Marchant, who had for several years served the Air Force in Panama, indicated that in his experience there had been adequate coordination among the representatives of the agencies although it had been informal, it being the habit for each representative on occasion, where coordination seemed desirable or necessary, to take his reports or problems to his colleagues for consultation or concurrence.

6. In this connection General Samford raised the question of whether the IAC ought not consider developing a pattern for providing coordination of U. S. intelligence activities in other countries where the situation is similar, mentioning specifically Japan and Austria. Mr. Armstrong noted that when the Ambassador takes over from the Army in Japan there will be a question of the continuation of the Coordinating Committee which has been established at the instigation of the IAC (Reference IAC-D-34/1). He noted that the Department had been considering naming an official who would be on the staff of the Ambassador and responsible to him for coordination among the U. S. intelligence representatives in Japan. With respect to Austria there was general agreement that this presents a somewhat unusual situation by virtue of the two headquarters, at Vienna and Salzburg. Mr. Armstrong noted, however, that the Ambassador had a year ago appointed a member of his staff as intelligence coordinator for Austria.

Probable Developments in Guatemala through 1952, and Possible Consequences for US Security Interests (NIE-62)

7. Action: It was agreed that because of imminent developments in Guatemala and the probable need in the near future for important policy decisions in this area, the priority on this estimate should be raised from "high" to "urgent" as proposed by General Bolling, it being understood that the target date for consideration would be March 13.

Proposed Estimate: Prospects for the Establishment of an Effective Middle East Command Organization (SE-23)

8. Action: It was agreed that the estimate requested by the NSC Staff on this subject should be prepared on an "urgent" basis for consideration on 13 March.

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Intelligence Value of the Maintenance of U.S. Missions in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Rumania (IAC-D-41/1)

- 9. Action: This memorandum was approved for transmission by General Smith to the Secretary of State. Mr. Keay requested that the minutes note that while the FBI was satisfied to have this letter sent as representing the views of the IAC, it deferred to the other agencies in view of the following facts: (a) the FBI has no representatives in these missions; (b) except in the case of intelligence bearing on FBI interests it does not see and therefore is not in a position to evaluate the intelligence production of these missions; and (c) although the presence of Satellite missions in the U. S. does cause the FBI considerable internal security concern it is not possible for the FBI to weigh this against the value to the Government of the intelligence advantages from our missions in the Satellites.
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